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# UNITED STATES.

## MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HYGIENE.

[Adopted since July 1, 1911.]

NEW YORK, N. Y.

VENEREAL DISEASES—NOTIFICATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT.

Whereas the venereal diseases are infectious, communicable, and preventable, and constitute a serious menace to the public health, thus properly coming under the charge of the public health authorities, and

Whereas it is well established that no administrative control of such diseases is possible without a system of notification and registration, associated with provision for the municipal care of patients unable or unwilling to place themselves under proper medical care and to take the precautions necessary to prevent the infection of others: Be it therefore

*Resolved*, First, that on and after May 1, 1912, the superintendent or other officers in charge of all public institutions, such as hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, homes, asylums, charitable and correctional institutions, including all institutions which are supported in whole or in part by voluntary contributions, be required to report promptly the name, sex, age, nationality, race, marital state, and address of every patient under observation suffering from syphilis, in every stage, chancroid, or gonorrheal infection of every kind (including gonorrheal arthritis), stating the name, character, stage, and duration of the infection, the date and source of contraction of the infection, if obtainable, and

Second, that all physicians be requested to furnish similar information concerning private patients under their care, excepting that the name and address of the patient need not be reported.

Third, that all information and all reports in connection with persons suffering from these diseases shall be regarded as absolutely confidential and shall not be accessible by the public, nor shall such records be deemed public records.

Fourth, that the department of health shall provide facilities for the free bacteriological examination of discharges for the diagnosis of gonorrheal infections, and also shall provide, without charge, vaccines for the treatment of such infections, and

Fifth, that the department of health shall undertake to make, without charge, the Wasserman and the Noguchi tests for the diagnosis of syphilis and examine specimens for spirochetes.

Sixth, that these diagnostic and therapeutic facilities be extended only when the data required for the registration of the case be furnished by the physician treating the patient, and

Seventh, that the department provide and distribute circulars of information in relation to these diseases.

[Resolution, board of health, adopted Feb. 20, 1912.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

VENEREAL DISEASES—MUNICIPAL CLINIC FOR TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION OF.

### *Preamble.*

In an effort to prevent the promiscuous dissemination of infection through the medium of venereal diseases, which class of diseases are included under the heading of "Communicable diseases," to minimize as far as it may be possible the dangers arising from these loathsome maladies, and to that end to exercise an intelligent and systematic medical supervision over that class of individuals, who, through the nature of their habits, render possible the spread of this class of diseases, the board of health hereby enacts the following regulations with reference thereto.